

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (amended) A personal communicator comprising in combination three modules, said modules have means that allow each to be removable and have means to keep each module connected to each other, said modules being a communications module, a display module and a core module, said communications module having an ear piece with means to cooperate and function with a microphone located in said personal communicator in or outside said communications module to act thereby as a mobile telephone, said personal communicator having activation means selected from the group consisting of touch activation, audio activation and mixtures thereof, each of said detachable modules when detached having means to function when connected to or with other enclosures or attachments, said core module having a single completely closed housing having internally therein components of a fully functional conventional general purpose computer, including internal non-volatile mass storage means, said core module not functional as a computer when standing alone or when detached from said personal communicator, said core module only functional as a computer when in electrical contact with an enclosure, said core module having means to be used with totally new and different type structures other than said personal communicator, and wherein all of said components in said core housing are completely enclosed therein and may not be removed, said core module devoid of any power means, said power means only supplied by said personal communicator or other enclosures.

Claim 2 (original)

Claim 3 (original)

Claim 4 (original)

Claim 5 (original)

Claim 6 (original)

Claim 7 (original)

Claim 8 (original)

Claim 9 (original)

Claim 10 (original)

Claim 11 (original)

Claim 12 (original)

Claim 13 (original)

Cancel original claim 1 and substitute amended claim 1. Make all remaining claims dependent upon newly amended claim 1.

Claims presently in the application – claims 1-13.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(e)

1&2. Claims 1, 3-5 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Budd et al (Budd), U.S. Patent No. 6,360,104. Claim 1 has been cancelled herewith and newly amended claim 1 proposed.

Applicant respectfully takes issue with the holding of Budd anticipating new claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon. On page 5 line 15 and 16, Applicant describes the “core unit” of this invention as a core unit having a completely closed housing and states “This feature is critical to this invention”. Also on page 10, Applicant, line 15

states "It is critical to this invention that the computer module not be operable as a computer when detached. Also, all of the claims in the present application recite "a core computer module" as one of the three modules in the personal communicator of the present invention. On page 4 lines 23-24 of the present specification we state "The core computer module is identical to that described in U.S. Patents No. 5,999,952 and 6,029,183. U.S. Patent 6,029,183 defines the "core" as:

- A. having a completely closed housing;
- B. not functional as a computer when standing alone (not connected to an enclosure):
- C. the core is devoid of any ports
- D. the core housing being completely closed; therefore, no computer components in said "core" can be removed. Thus, no computer component of the "core" may be removed, copied, replaced or tampered with.

This core as above defined is a critical component of the personal communicator of the present invention. None of the cited references show or disclose a core as above defined as part of a personal communicator.

Component 86 of Budd is not a core unit as described in the present application. Budd's component 86 as "computer 86" is clearly not the equivalent of Applicant's core unit; none of the critical features of Applicant's core unit is taught or suggested by Budd. For that matter, Budd calls his unit 86 "similar to notebook computers", col. 7 lines 19 and 20. Obviously, a notebook computer will function as a computer when detached; this is exactly the opposite of Applicant's claimed core unit which will not function as a

computer when standing alone or when detached from said claimed personal communicator.

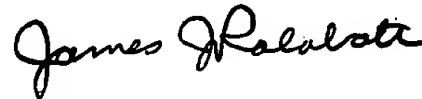
Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)

- 3-6. Claims 2, 6 and 7 were rejected over Budd as the primary reference alone or combined with U.S. Patent 6,134,453 or 5,768,100. Neither 6,134,453 or 5,768,100 discloses Applicant's "core unit" as presently claimed. Budd, as above discussed, is totally silent on an equivalent to Applicant's core unit.

The prior art not relied upon adds little to the applied references; therefore, a detailed discussion on them is not warranted.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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